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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 14, 2006, please enter the following remarks.

Claim 24 is currently pending in the application. Claim 24 was rejected for alleged obviousness type double patenting over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 5,639,856 and claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No 6,013,781.

U.S. Patent Nos. 5,639,856 and 6,013,781 and the subject application are commonly owned by the Regents of the University of California. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer and Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) with this response. The terminal